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South Carolina Department of Health
and Environmental Control



It doesn't cost. It pays.

You should know...

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that as much as **65-70 percent** of the waste generated nationwide is from businesses and industry.

Did you know?

Your company can benefit from waste reduction and recycling because the less wasteful you are, the more efficient your business operates. **The less waste you throw away, the less you pay for waste disposal.**

Recycling works.

Waste reduction and recycling also conserve natural resources, save energy and reduce the need to build landfills and incinerators.

Are you a Smart Business?

No matter what line of work you are in, manufacturing, health care, retail, wholesale, food, repair, construction – your company can benefit from business recycling.

Not only will you avoid disposal costs, in some cases you may create a new source of revenue.

And don't look now, chances are your competitors may already be recycling – and getting a leg up on you.

We can help.

Smart Business is a partnership between the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control and the S.C. Department of Commerce.

The partnership includes:

- The Recycling Market Development Advisory Council;
- Office of Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling;
- Center for Waste Minimization; and
- Small Business Assistance Program.

Smart Business is a one-stop referral service for all of those programs and offers free, confidential, non-regulatory technical assistance.

Smart Business offers a comprehensive approach including:

- Site visits to assess waste reduction and recycling opportunities;
- Research and contacts for potential markets, service providers and beneficial reuse;
- Educational materials; and
- A recognition program.

S.C. Materials Exchange

The S.C. Materials Exchange, which is a free service, provides users information on materials available or wanted. The benefits may include:

- Finding materials for free or less than the cost of new materials;
- Selling surplus materials for profit; and
- Reducing waste disposal costs.

Please visit www.scdhec.gov/scme/ for more information.

Index of Waste Minimization Resources

This Index of Waste Minimization Resources provides a listing of:

- Companies that recycle various commodities;
- Companies that provide waste reduction/recycling services or sell recycling equipment; and
- Substitute materials for hazardous waste.

For more information, please visit

www.scdhec.gov/eqc/admin/html/wmrindex.html.

S.C. Recycling Markets Directory

This on-line directory provides information on recycling and environmental service providers located in South Carolina. You can use this directory to find an outlet for your recyclable materials.

For more information, please visit

www.sccommerce.com/SearchRecycling.aspx.

WasteWise

Smart Business is a partner and endorser of the U.S. EPA's WasteWise Program. What is WasteWise? It's a free, voluntary program that also offers assistance and materials to reduce waste, recycle and improve your bottom line. And it's a chance for your company to receive national recognition.



Success Stories

Does all of this work? **Yes.**

Are you a Smart Business?

Why not? It's easy to get started. You don't have to be an expert in recycling or even hire one, to start or expand a recycling program. That's because the Smart Business Recycling Program is available with all of the help and resources you need. **And it's free.** What have you got to lose – except a lot of trash? **Even the call is free – 1-800-768-7348.**



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